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AND SCATTEROMETRY MEASUREMENTS, INCLUDING  
CHARACTERIZATION OF THIN FILM STRUCTURES

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With regard to the Examiner's comments regarding the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitted on March 31, 2006, applicant notes that a copy of the reference Seung-Woo Kim et al., "Thickness-profile measurement of transparent thin-film layers by white light scanning interferometry, Applied Optics, Vol. 38, No. 28, pp. 5968-5973 (October 1, 1999) was submitted as part of an earlier IDS filed March 11, 2004 (Reference AL) and subsequently acknowledged by the Examiner, who initialed all of the references, including the Kim et al. reference, on the corresponding PTO-1449 form and returning the initialed PTO-1449 form to us with the Office Action dated September 27, 2005. Accordingly, it is our understanding that this reference has already been considered by the Office in connection with the present application.

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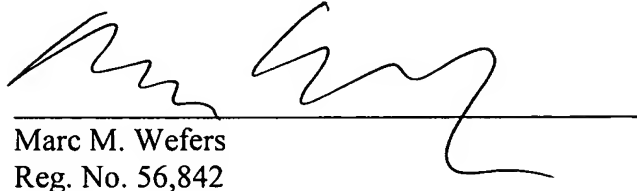
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